

WORLD LAW TO SURVIVE WAR

International Code Is Immutably and Eternal, Lansing Tells Banqueters.

RULES TO BE STRONGER

Premier Says Conflict Will Give Birth to Statutes that Will Govern. Strife Called Trade War.

The immutability of international law was the theme of speakers at the closing banquet of the tenth annual meeting of the American Society of International Law at the Maymont Hotel last night. President R. Coudert, noted exponent of international law, was toastmaster. More than 100 members attended the closing session.

Secretary of State Lansing, the principal speaker, asserted that the principles of international law were immutable.

"The present strife in Europe," he said, "has shaken international law to its foundation. With the coming of peace to a war-torn world, the application of the principles will give new rules that will govern."

Only in the abstract did the Secretary touch upon the issue threatening the diplomatic relations of the United States and Germany. "The invention of international law is directly responsible for the departures in naval warfare. This invention is comparable only with the invention of gunpowder."

Mr. Coudert, in introducing the first speaker, declared that with the end of the European war will come the age of reconciliation, of "brotherhood of man," and that when that time comes there will be little need of international law or politics.

A War for Trade.

"No one aware of the origin of the present war can doubt that it is a war for trade, trade routes and possession of markets, in which resources and industry play important roles," was the assertion of David Jayne Hill, former Ambassador to Germany. "Who will control the seven seas is the problem," he said. Mr. Hill spoke on the subject of international law as an expression of life. He said international law was coupled closely with human life, but that human law was more potent than life.

"Might is not right," he said, and no country can make it so. International law to be authoritative must be derived from the nature of man."

"Our government is democratic and great because of self-imposed restraints," said George Gray, former judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. "Man emerged from barbarism only because he was able to self-impose restraint."

"International law has not perished because it is violated. The decalogue is violated every day, but it has not perished. When moral law is effaced from the minds of men then we are hopeless."

He closed with the assertion that he did not think there ever would be a concert of nations to coerce by force mandates of international morality.

Elihu Root Re-elected.

Elihu Root was re-elected president of the society at the closing business session yesterday. John Bassett Moore and Senator Henry C. Lodge were elected vice presidents. John Barrett was elected to the executive council to serve until 1919, to fill the vacancy made by the departure of Senator Lodge. David Jayne Hill was elected to the council to serve until 1918, and other officers were re-elected. The next meeting of the society will be held in Washington during the last week of April, 1917.

MOTHERS HONOR MRS. G. S. RAFTER

Re-elect Popular Leader for Third Term as President of Congress.

Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, president of the District Congress of Mothers for two terms, was re-elected to a third term at the annual meeting of the organization in the Raleigh yesterday. Meeting in conjunction with the congress was the State convention of District Parent-Teacher Associations. In addition to the president, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. H. Daniel, was held over for another term.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Louise H. Earle, first vice president; Mrs. James Lansburg, second vice president; Mrs. C. V. Boyer, third vice president; Dr. Fales, fourth vice president; Mrs. Henry S. McKinley, fifth vice president; Mrs. S. S. Doten, recording secretary, and Mrs. J. N. Saunders, treasurer.

The annual convention of the congress and Parent-Teacher Associations comprised a morning and afternoon session. The morning session was opened by Rev. Henry N. Couden, Chaplain of the House of Representatives. Miss Marie T. Menzel followed with a violin solo. Mrs. Rafter, president, gave a short address, being followed by Ernest Daniel, vice president of the Board of Education, who substituted for President H. P. Blair.

Others on the program were Mrs. J. Leyden White, who reported on the first State convention; Miss Constance Finckel and Miss Ethel Coffin, who played piano selections. Miss Florence C. Fox, of the United States Bureau of Education, addressed the audience on "Child Welfare," and Miss Augusta Swan gave an illustrated lecture on "Your Child in the Kindergarten."

A plea for the broadening of musical instruction in public schools was made at the afternoon session by Dr. Hamlin E. Cogswell, director of music in the District schools. Other speakers at the afternoon session were Prof. Charles E. Richardson, of the Maryland Agricultural College; Mrs. Kate Walker Barrett, of Dr. William Colby Rucker, Assistant Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. Rev. Earle Wilfry gave general readings. Mrs. Mary Sherier Bowie sang and Mrs. Marie von Unschuld several piano selections.

On the State committees are: Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, chairman; Mrs. W. B. Bayles, chairman hospital committee; Mrs. S. K. Lamb, chairman child hygiene exhibit committee; Mrs. E. R. Brodton, chairman printing committee; Mrs. N. F. Lutz, chairman parent-teacher committee; Mrs. Fulton Lewis, chairman refreshment committee; Mrs. Charles Molster, chairman ushers committee; Mrs. H. S. McKinley, chairman registration committee; Mrs. Norman N. Hill, chairman information committee; Mrs. J. N. Saunders, chairman literature committee; Mrs. Henry T. Ralney, chairman legislation committee; Mrs. E. Nicol, chairman magazine committee; Mrs. E. Cameron, chairman arrangements committee; Mrs. von Unschuld, chairman music committee; Mrs. H. A. Colman, publicity.

COMPANY E WINS CADET GUN MATCH

Central High School Team Makes Perfect Score at Winthrop Range.

SHARPSHOOTERS QUALIFY

Week of Remarkable Activities Ends at Government Range—Many Teams Take Part.

First place in the annual inter-company rifle match among high school cadets of the District was won by Company E, of Central High School, at the Winthrop (Md.) range yesterday. Company E made a perfect score of 100, winning over six companies in the final.

The firing yesterday closed a week of remarkable activities at the government range. Capt. William C. Harline, in charge of the civilian use of the grounds, reported that 178 citizens shot on the range during the week. Yesterday alone marked the inauguration of the sharpshooters' course, eight contestants out of thirty-two qualifying.

Company E, of Central High School, which made a perfect score on the range, was commanded by Capt. F. K. White, other officers being First Lieut. L. D. Syme and Second Lieut. J. E. Raymond. Sergeants were L. W. Call, R. K. Day, S. Reichguth, L. C. Randall, corporals were L. A. Pekosky and W. F. Savage, and privates were F. W. Williams, P. Armstrong, E. H. King, S. A. Syme, S. Addison, C. B. Smith and B. M. Vernon.

Others Who Competed.

Other companies competing were E, McKinley, Capt. Stockard, score, 96; B, Central, Capt. Denesal, score, 90; F, Eastern, Capt. Barkman, score, 80; H, McKinley, Capt. Cooper, score, 80; G, Eastern, Capt. Boteler, score, 62; and F, McKinley, Capt. Zobel, score, 55.

Lieut. E. Z. Steever, military instructor in the high schools, directed the cadets.

Individual cadets and adults who qualified were Policeman G. B. Cornwell, Stiles, of McKinley; Harbaugh, Central; J. D. Eggleston, Navy Department; Dwyer and Johnson, of McKinley; Spencer, of Western; Marshall, McKinley; Sharf, Central; Cohen, McKinley; Jenkins, Gobel, Rowe, and Hunt, of McKinley. In the sharpshooting course those who qualified were: Small, of Eastern High School; J. A. Livingston, Treasury Department; Stokes, Central High School; Norris, of Central; R. V. Reynolds, of the Forestry Service; Moore, of Central; J. Schrang, of the Postoffice, and Richardson, of Central.

Wireless stations to be erected by the United States navy in Hawaii and the Philippines will be the most powerful in the world, having a 4,700-mile radius.

TROOP 35 WINS DANIELS TROPHY

Boy Scout Patrols Compete for Silver Cup in Drill on White Lot.

TROOP 33 IS SECOND

Police Officials Are Judges—Big Crowd Assembles to Witness Novel Review.

The Daniels silver cup, presented by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to the District Boy Scouts, was won yesterday by Troop 35 in the first annual competitive drill and review. The competition was held on the White Lot, scout patrols from fifteen troops participating. The event marked a program of annual competitive reviews and drills by the scouts of Washington.

In the competition yesterday each troop comprising four patrols, was permitted to enter one patrol. Eight boys formed a patrol. Instead of an elder scoutmaster commanding the youths, the patrols were under the leadership of juvenile leaders, next in command to the master.

The winning patrol from Troop 35 was led by Robert Flather, who, with his subordinates, presented the best appearance and gave the most accurate maneuvers in the opinion of the judges. The troop is under command of Scoutmaster Charles A. Bell. The patrol from Troop 32, under leadership of Lamond Pitchers, won honorable mention from the judges. Troop 32 is commanded by Scoutmaster John Hart.

More than 200 Boy Scouts were on the grounds. The event attracted a large crowd of adults. Deputy Commissioner J. W. Patten, with Deputy Commissioner H. L. Taylor, was in charge of the competition. Judges were Police Inspector Cross and Police Captains Sullivan and Doyle.

A conspicuous feature of the dress of the patrols winning the cup and honorable mention was the wearing of white gloves, an innovation in scout reviews and donned only by the two patrols.

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BROKER KILLED BY STREET CAR

Henry W. Coffin Dies at Emergency Hospital as Result of Injuries.

HEAD WAS CRUSHED

Business Man Hit at Fourteenth Street and New York Avenue While Crossing Tracks.

Struck by a Capital Traction street car at the corner of Fourteenth street and New York avenue yesterday afternoon, Henry W. Coffin, 46 years old, a well-known broker, died last night at Emergency Hospital, his head crushed by the fall. His wife remained at his bedside through long hours, awaiting the fatal outcome of a serious operation performed on the head, at the base of

the skull, as the only hope of saving the man's life.

Accompanied by several acquaintances, Mr. Coffin left his office at the Oxford Building, on the corner where the accident occurred, at 12:30 o'clock, and started to cross New York avenue. A south-bound Fourteenth street car veered around the corner just as Mr. Coffin was on the north track.

Mr. Coffin started forward, then stepped backwards, only to be struck by the end of the car which hurled him to the paving. Samuel Goldman, the motorman, was unable to stop the car in time, as it was only a few feet from Mr. Coffin when he stepped on the track.

Crossing Policeman Buell Stanley had the injured man taken to Emergency Hospital, where an examination proved he had concussion of the brain. Coffin evidently struck the paving head-first as there were no other injuries. Bystanders said he was not dragged by the car.

Attendants at Emergency Hospital notified Mrs. Coffin, who was at their home in the Savoy Apartments, 2804 Fourteenth street northwest, and she hurried to her husband's bedside. Mr. Coffin was unconscious.

Private physicians were summoned to operate on his head late last night. Mr. Coffin was well known in brokers' circles, having been in the business here for thirty-five years, his friends said. For nearly fifteen years he resided at the Savoy. He had no children.



CASEMENT PROBE DENIED

U. S. Will Not Interfere in Behalf of Irish Leader's Sister.

Michael Francis Doyle, representing Mrs. Alice Newman, sister of Sir Roger Casement, will not have an opportunity of personally asking President Wilson to intervene on behalf of the Irish revolutionary leader.

A telegram to the White House from Mr. Doyle asking for an appointment with the President was referred to Secretary of State Lansing, who has decided that the matter does not in any way concern this government, as Sir Roger is not an American citizen.

Mrs. I. Townsend Burden Dies. New York, April 28.—Mrs. O. I. Townsend Burden, of one of New York's oldest, wealthiest, and most prominent families, died this afternoon in her apartments in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. She had been ill for about a week. The immediate cause of her death was heart failure.

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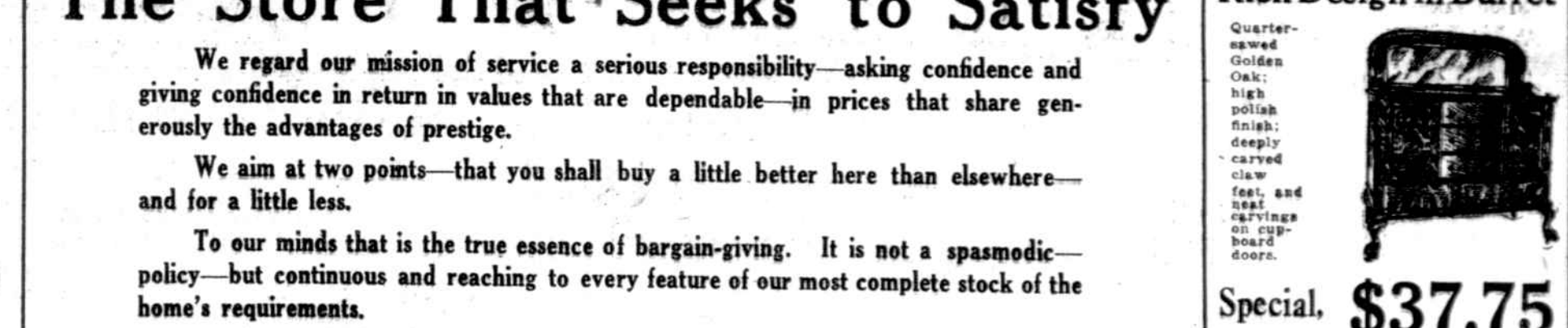


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